



Donald James "Don" Bass

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Donald "Don" James Bass died at his home in Covington, LA on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Don was a native of New Orleans and began working in the international shipping industry in 1970 where he developed a passion for nautical affairs and international finance. In 1979, he founded his own company, Blue Water Shipping Company, which soon became a leading grain export agency in Louisiana, with a staff that was deeply valued throughout the Gulf Coast for their thoroughness and integrity. To this day, Blue Water Shipping Company maintains a prominent presence on the River and throughout the world. Don leaves behind several family members and friends who celebrate his independent spirit, acute intelligence, and unwavering generosity.

Don was the son of the late Pat Farrington Bass, Sr. and Florence Pottharst Bass and the brother of the late Pat Farrington Bass, Jr. and Robert Randolph Bass. He was the loving father of two sons, Barrett Farrington Bass and Brice Dickinson Bass. Don is also survived by those to whom he served as a paternal figure to throughout his lifetime, including Melissa Cucinello, Jessica Cucinello, Tara Thomas Bourgeois, and Trevor Thomas as well as their mothers Teresa Bass and Cathy Bass.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church, 4600 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70115 to celebrate Don's life. Visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow the service at Hope Mausoleum, New Orleans, LA. Perhaps more than anything, Don was best known for his willingness to extend generousities to others in times of need. In this spirit, we ask that donations be made to a charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.






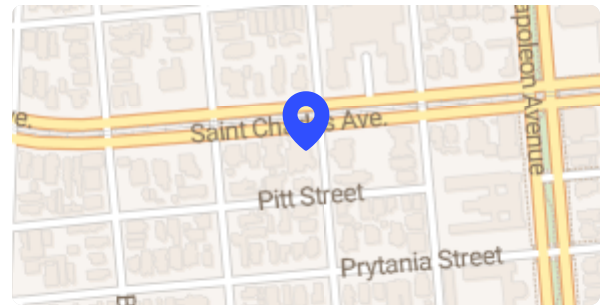
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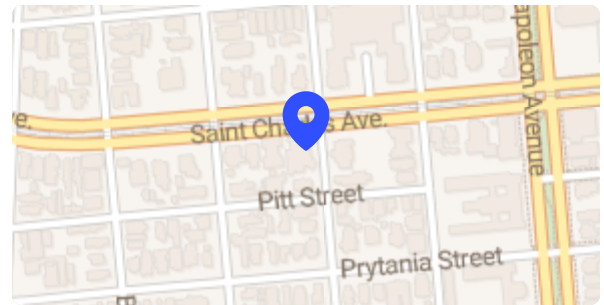
Visitation

-  **Friday**, September 30, 2016
-  11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
-  **St. George's Episcopal Church**
4600 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans LA 70115



Memorial Services

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TB

Teresa Bass posted:

<https://www.facebook.com/donnataggartcelticlady/videos/1165644986812118/>As I lay here trying to get up to deal with yet another difficult day, I heard the above song, "Jealous of the Angels" You were my Angel here on earth..."God send me an angel" and you appeared. Now I need an Angel to get me through this and I know you're with me and all those who need you right now Donald Bass! I cared for you, saved you so many times, loved you unconditional, and now I carry you with me through eternity, my Angel! Help us all today and everyday my love , my best friend The one who could calm the storms....I'm jealous of the Angels...xo

September 30 at 1:42 AM

PH

Patricia Hogan lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Thank you for being a part of my life. I will miss you, Uncle Donald.

September 28 at 6:26 PM



JG

Jude Galloway sent a virtual gift in honor of Donald.

Sorry to here of Don's passing, he touched so many with his love and kindness! Thoughts and prayers to you all! Peace and love Jude galloway

September 28 at 5:12 PM



FH

Frank J. Hogan lit a candle in honor of Donald.

September 28 at 4:01 PM





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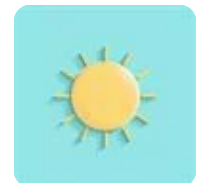
"For nearly 50 years, it has been my privilege and pleasure and honor to have been a mentor and close friend to DJ. After a stint in the Air Force, a couple of semesters of college, and a dead-end job in a warehouse, throwing boxes into the back of a trailer, DJ thought he'd take a stab at a local shipping agency, since his dad had worked in admiralty law. They brought him to me, and I taught him the basics of agency work. He was a quick study, a hard worker, and after only a few short years, Donald was given my position when I left for another job. DJ grew and blossomed into a creative, brilliant and innovative steamship agency man. From the small kernel of knowledge I gave him, he took a hide-bound port of New Orleans agency model, and turned Bluewater into a leading, world renowned Steamship Agency. There have been many agencies since that have copied his brilliant model, but none have managed to match it. A few months after DJ opened Bluewater, he asked me to rejoin him. For the next 27 years, I held him firmly by the ankles, holding him down while he tried to fly to the stratosphere. Don was a visionary, dreamed of things that had never been done, and constantly reached for the stars. I was the nuts and bolts to his high flying goals and dreams; together we made a good team. Now he's gone, a bright light that has been extinguished, plunging those who loved him into darkness. But with time, and memory of the good days that we had with him, we'll get thru... There's a large hole in me right now, but I feel in time we'll meet again on the other side. I love you, my brother - I'll be seeing you again soon... Frank J. Hogan

September 28 at 3:57 PM



Martha Temples sent a virtual gift in honor of Donald.

He was one of my dearest friends that I will forever remember - his signature outfit of white jumpsuit (which he placed his so politically correct patches on) with his red boots! As per family's request in lieu of flowers I have donated to the humane society in Don's name!



September 28 at 9:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bass family.



September 28 at 6:29 AM



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TA

Tameka posted:

To the family: May you find comfort in knowing that God is close to the brokenhearted.-Psalms 34:18

September 28 at 4:20 AM

MM

Mich Mele posted:

Don you were a very special loving person. I am so happy to have known you and being a friend. You will be greatly missed but now you can share your wisdom with all our family and friends in heaven. Between you and Mal our world will be safe knowing that the two of you will always be there for us. Love you and will miss you very much. Love your "sista". Mich

September 28 at 12:22 AM

RR

Richard Reed posted:

Don was a great person. So, generous to those in need. I always wanted him to take all my plants and heal them. Most of all, he a great friend.

September 27 at 4:27 PM

TB

Teresa Bass posted:

"I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love." ~ Leo Buscaglia
My baby you were the kindest, most generous, intelligent man I've been blessed to know and share so many years and memories together! Love you always, miss you forever, will carry you with me for eternity! Until we meet again....I know you're finally at peace xo Always as you said and continued to introduce me as, your wife xo

September 27 at 2:14 PM

DF

Deborah Farrington sent a virtual gift in honor of Donald.



September 27 at 2:03 PM



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RH

Ryan H posted:

Don was a grat man.. I met him once and he was a very nice person. He was very generous in the short time that i knew him. I send my blessing to him and his family in this tough time. Ryan h

September 27 at 1:13 PM

SC

Stephen Chouest posted:

Donald Bass was one of the most talented, intelligent, kindest, and interesting people that I have ever known. I had the pleasure of being his friend and working closely with him for over 21 years. Although his sudden and unexpected passing is very difficult, it is comforting to know that he lived a full and unusually exciting life, and that he did not suffer a painful or prolonged illness prior to his death. I share my deepest and most sincere sympathies with his family, friends, business associates, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. Steve Chouest

September 27 at 12:11 PM

MT

Martha Temples September 28 at 4:23 AM

So eloquently said Steve, and I thank God for bringing him into my life! We had such wonderful times together and I will treasure those memories!God broke the mold when he made Don Bass! ❤️👤👤❤️

JW

Jonathan Watkins September 28 at 2:42 AM

One of the best men I've had the pleasure of meeting, working for, and calling my friend. He will be missed.Jonathan Watkins

DF

Deborah Farrington September 27 at 2:08 PM

My heart goes out to you, Cathy, Barrett and Brice. Deb Farrington



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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